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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicants: AMIT DATTA

Application No.: 10/015,500

Filed: December 11, 2001

For: BARRIER LAYER FOR ELECTRICAL  
CONNECTORS AND METHODS OF  
APPLYING THE LAYER

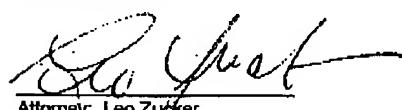
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Per a telephone conference this morning between Examiner Wong of Art  
Unit 1753 and the undersigned attorney, attached are copies of the following papers  
which were previously filed with the Office:

1. Power of Attorney signed by the assignee of the above patent  
application, and dated April 4, 2003;
2. Change of Correspondence Address signed by the assignee of the  
above patent application, and dated April 4, 2003;
3. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) signed by the assignee of the above  
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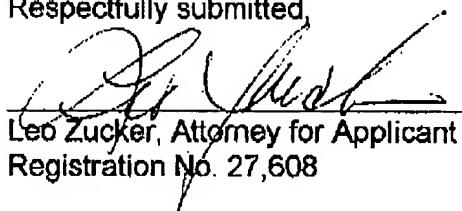
4. Return receipt postcard showing receipt of the above items 1-3 by the PTO on April 21, 2003.

Entry of the attached papers into the file of the present application is respectfully requested.

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The undersigned also respectfully requests that the one-month term set for reply to an Office action mailed August 20, 2003, and addressed to prior patent counsel, be reset to expire one month from date of mailing of a duplicate action to the office address of the undersigned attorney, per items 1 & 2, above.

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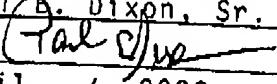
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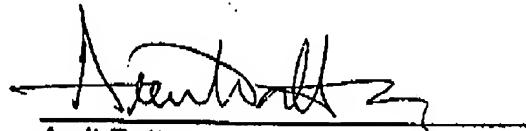
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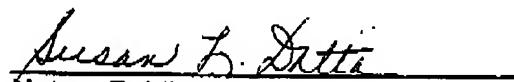
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